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Napster's Popularity May Cause Problems

Agata Mlodonski

New Internet companies are continuously entering the electronic market. One of the most popular new companies is the well-known Napster.

The program's user base has grown by as much as 25 percent per day.

Napster has been available for seven months. It was named

for the nickname of one of the company's founders, Shawn Fanning.

This relatively new service is most popular among college students, who usually claim they are too poor to buy CDs. The program allows users to download songs off the Internet, free of charge.

Downloading music off the Internet is a criminal offense because the songs have been pirated. Some people buy CDs and copy them onto the Internet for others to use.

Universities all over the United States are unhappy about the popularity Napster has acquired. Because the service is so

popular on college campuses, networks have been jammed, and servers have been overloaded. Some universities are in the process of suing Napster.

Universities aren't the only ones that are angry with Napster and its users.

Because users do not pay for the songs they download, music

companies' profits have diminished as well.

Napster has a warning on the site, which states that copying and distributing unauthorized MP3 files may violate the law.

Napster asserts that users are responsible for any unlawful actions resulting from use of the program.



The 1st annual Spring Career fair, held March 7, was greatly attended by companies and students.

Photo by John West

Too Many People, Not Enough Reserves says Guest Lecturer

Professor Emeritus Albert Bartlett will be at Mines April 17 to give his popular lecture "Arithmetic, Population, and Energy."

"The greatest shortcoming of the human race is our inability to understand the exponential function," Prof. Bartlett begins his lecture.

The talk examines steady growth in a finite environment and applies the results to fossil fuels, particularly to petroleum and coal.

Data from the U.S. Department of Energy are used to show that the realistic lifetimes of U.S. coal, U.S. petroleum and world petroleum are much shorter than the optimistic fig-

ures so often quoted.

Next Bartlett examines reassuring statements from experts, the press, scientists, political leaders, and others that are wildly at odds with the facts. He also examines the widespread worship of economic growth and population growth throughout the western world.

Al Bartlett is a retired professor of physics. He joined the faculty of the University of Colorado in Boulder September 1950.

His bachelor's degree is from Colgate University and his masters and doctorate degrees are from Harvard University.

In 1978 Bartlett was national president of the American As-

sociation of Physics Teachers. He is a Fellow of the American Physical Society and of the American Association for the Advancement of Science.

Since the 1960s he has concentrated on public education on problems relating to and originating from population growth.

More recently he has written on sustainability, examining the widespread misuse of the term and the conditions that are necessary and sufficient for sustainability in any society.

All students and staff are invited to attend Bartlett's lecture from noon to 1 p.m. in Petroleum Hall, Monday, April 17th. Earthworks, a CSM student organization, hosts this lecture.

Student Leadership Needed

The office of Student Activities is now accepting applications for orientation leaders.

Students who have been ac-

tive in the total Mines experience should apply for the leadership positions.

Applications, available in the

Student Activities Office, are due back by April 14.

Explore CSM will take place between July 14 and July 24.

It Ain't No Bell

Tim Newlin

Ask a Mines student what's up with the tunes that float across the Mines campus every day at noon and 5 pm, and they'll say: "Oh yeah, it's those bells on top of Guggenheim hall." Little do most know that there is no bell atop Guggenheim—it's a carillon.

Originating in Holland, Belgium, and northern France in the 1600's, the carillon is actually composed of 23 carillon bells.

These are similar to your average bell, but different in that carillon bells are struck and remain in place, rather than swinging.

This mechanism allows the player to control the sound and phrasing by varying touch on the keys.

Not that this matters much for the Mines carillon, which is electronic. The electronic strikers hit the bells with the same force each time.

While musically crude, this configuration obviously lends it-

self to automation.

"The [new electronic] system is solid state; we just have to go up there twice a year or so. The old one was pretty involved, with roll paper and a series of mechanical levers and timers," says Paul Leef, manager of Planning and Construction for CSM's Plant Facilities department.

The previous carillon Leef is referring to was of the mechanical kind.

Around 1965, student leaders at Mines had approved a carillon to give the campus more personality.

President Childs sought a donor for the instrument, and

found Arthur C. Daman, an alumnus with a successful machinery company, Denver Equipment.

He gave \$10,000 in December of 1966, and the carillon was purchased. In 1993 CSM purchased the current electronic version from Schulmerich Carillons, Ltd.



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Stylish Ninth Gate Tantalizes the Senses

Brett Maughan

I have very little space this issue, so I will make my comments brief. That is probably a good thing, actually, since trying to describe Roman Polanski's *The Ninth Gate* in no easy task. In simplest terms, the film follows a shrewd book hunter, Dean Corso, hired by a wealthy collector, Boris Balkan, to investigate the three remaining copies of a seventeenth-century satanic text called *The Nine Gates of the Kingdom of Shadows*. The book is rumored to have been written by a disciple of the devil and contain elements of a book written by Lucifer himself. If the mystery of *The Nine Gates of the Kingdom of Shadows* can be deciphered, it is supposed to open the gates to Hell and summon forth Satan, bringing immortality to whoever accomplishes the task. Corso, naturally, refuses to believe in the myths and rumors, and the existence of Satan, until the web of danger and occult he becomes wrapped up in affords him no other choice but to believe.

The *Ninth Gate* is directed by Roman Polanski, whose well known works include

Chinatown, *Rosemary's Baby*, and more recently *Death and the Maiden*. His rich cinematographic style and texture is infused in the film, and the subtle intricacies that are a staple of Polanski's works peer out at the audience around every corner. In the lead role, the talented Johnny Depp (*Edward Scissorhands*, *Ed Wood*, *Benny & Joon*, and *Sleepy Hollow*) brings to the table a complicated, subdued performance that makes his Dean Corso both believable and engaging. He is backed by a capable supporting cast, an exciting and well-written screenplay, based off the bestseller *El Club Dumas* by Arturo Perez-Reverte, a lush soundtrack, and some understated special effects work that accompanies the overall picture, rather than smothering it like in most sci-fi fantasy films of recent years.

The *Ninth Gate* will keep any audience on their toes. Some may be disturbed by the lack of a "good guy" in the film, but for most this film will be well worth the student discounted ticket price.



What's On This Weekend ...

MAC

- The Zoo Keepers (I-Club: Mar. 24, 5 pm)

Around Town

- *Phantom of the Music Hall* (Heritage Square Music Hall)
- George Clinton & The P-Funk All-Stars (Ogden Theatre: Mar. 24, 8 pm)
- Jars of Clay (Fillmore Auditorium: Mar. 25, 7 pm)
- Mix Master Mike (Fox Theatre & Cafe: Mar. 26, 8 pm)

Opening on the Big Screen

- *Romeo Must Die* (Jet Li)
- *Waking the Dead* (Billy Cudrup, Jennifer Connely)

At the Denver Performing Arts Complex

- Colorado Symphony: "Romance and the Romantics" (Boettcher Concert Hall)
- *The Cripple of Inishmaan* (Space Theatre)
- *Side Man* (Stage Theatre: OPENS Mar. 23)
- *Buddy: The Buddy Holly Story* (Temple Buell)

What's On Next Weekend ...

FAC/MLT

- Juggler Chad Taylor (Student Center Ballroom A, 5 pm)
- MLT presents: David Ives' *All in the Timing* (Ballroom B: Mar. 31 & Apr. 1, 7:30pm)

Around Town

- KISS (Pepsi Center: Mar. 28, 7:30 pm)
- Bruce Springsteen (Pepsi Center: Mar. 30 & 31, 7:30 pm)
- *Phantom of the Music Hall* (Heritage Square Music Hall)

Opening on the Big Screen

- *High Fidelity* (John Cusack, Tim Robbins)
- *The Filth and the Fury* (Sex Pistols Documentary)
- *The Girls Next Door* (Porn Star Documentary)
- *The Road to Eldorado* (Animated, Voices: Kevin Kline, Kenneth Branagh)
- *The Skulls* (Some actors)

At the Denver Performing Arts Complex

- Colorado Symphony: "Musical Beginnings" (Boettcher Hall)
- *The Cripple of Inishmaan* (Space Theatre)
- Alvin Ailey Dance Theater (Temple Buell)

Of Special Interest

- Gallagher (How appropriate for E-Days...Paramount Theatre: Apr. 8, 8 pm)

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MLT Brings Absurd World to CSM

Why does Leon Trotsky have a mountain-climber's axe sticking out of his head? Why are those two people speaking complete gibberish? Why are those chimps speaking English and typing on typewriters? Did that man actually order a Philly cheese steak? Where is that damn bell ringing from? All perfectly reasonable questions, in a reasonable world. But this world is far from reasonable, so just smile and nod your head.

Friday, March 31st and Saturday, April 1st, at 7:30 p.m. in Ballroom B, Mines Little Theatre will present its first show of the semester: David Ives' "All in the Timing," a set of six one-act comedies. MLT will bring five of the six shows to the stage in the Student Center with an ensemble cast of new and old faces. In fact, the show could be viewed as a showcase of Mines talent, featuring MLT regulars Chris Spitzer, Keri Moore, Robert Pongonis, Emma Nicoletti, and Jen Orf. MLT President Brett Maughan is serving as director for his second and last time at Mines, and Orf is resu-

ing her roles as Tech Director, Stage Manager, and all-purpose Assistant Director. Orf and Maughan will graduate in May, Spitzer is out in December, and Moore, a graduate student in the Geology Dept., is finishing her degree this semester. Pongonis is a Junior and Nicoletti is a Sophomore. To this group have been added Sophomores Reed Murray, John Hamilton, and Erin Kelso in their MLT debuts.

David Ives, one of the most inventive comedic playwrights in the business today, takes everyday life in New York City and warps it into a bizarre collection of scenes that walk a thin line between reality and absurdity. From "All in the Timing," Ives' original set of one-acts, MLT will perform *The Philadelphia*; *Variations on the Death of Trotsky*; *The Universal Language*; *Words, Words, Words*; and Ives' most famous piece, *Sure Thing*.

The Philadelphia plays like a Twilight Zone episode on crack, in which New York businessman Mark is stuck in an alternate reality called a Philadelphia, where he can only get the op-

posite of anything he asks for. In *Sure Thing*, boy and girl meet, boy and girl have a conversation, screw it up, and start over again, until boy and girl finally fall in love. *Variations on the Death of Trotsky* explores the various ways in which Russian revolutionist Leon Trotsky, exiled in Mexico, faces his own death from an unusual head wound. In *The Universal Language*, boy and girl meet, girl speaks English, boy speaks "Unamunda," and boy and girl fall in love while learning to communicate. And finally, *Words, Words, Words* listens in on the conversations between three chimps in a cage. These primates are the subjects of an experiment to see if three monkeys typing into infinity really could produce *Hamlet*.

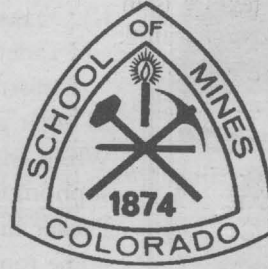
If none of that makes any sense to you, you're probably not alone and you definitely should come see the show with all of your thoroughly confused friends. At \$1.50 a ticket, half the normal MLT admission cost, it will relieve your aching brain without relieving too much money from your aching wallet.

ATTENTION ALL ENGINEERING STUDENTS!

The pre-registration advising session for
Electrical, Civil, Mechanical, &
Environmental Science Specialties will
be held Thursday, April 6th &
Monday, April 10th 3 p.m. – 4:30
p.m. in Friedhoff Hall

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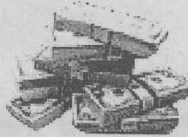
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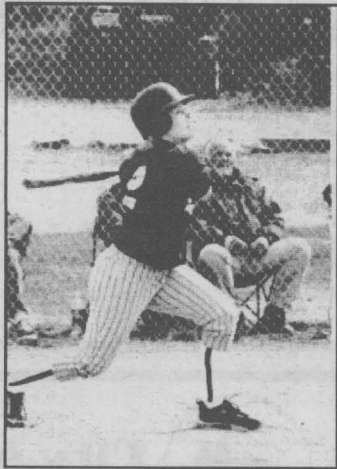


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Oredigger of the Week

Kerry Petranek

Softball, #2
Montrose, CO
Montrose High School
5'7", Junior, First Base



This past weekend, the Lady Orediggers won all four of their games in Durango against Fort Lewis. With the wins, the Lady Orediggers improved to 9-11 overall and 6-6 in the Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference.

Petranek went 6-for-13 from the plate during the four-game series, including two doubles and two home runs. She scored eight runs, drove in five and walked five times. In addition to stealing

two bases, Petranek amassed a 1.077 slugging percentage for the weekend.

For the season, Petranek is now hitting .333 (19-for-57) with a .400 on base average.

Mines Tennis has 7-1 record

Reece Bollinger

In what may have been the most important win so far this season, Mines' tennis team beat UNK 6-3 on March 11 in Golden. Last year CSM was shut out by the Lopers 9-0.

Over spring break the Orediggers competed in the Arizona Tennis Challenge in Glendale, Arizona.

The Diggers improved to 7-1 this spring with wins over Northwest Nazarene (9-0), Ripon College (9-0), Colgate

University (5-2) and Northern Iowa (6-1). The only loss of the trip came to the College of the Desert (2-7), the top ranked junior college team in the nation. Even more, Brad Howe and Kevin Yu went undefeated in their singles matches on the spring trip.

Next up for Mines will be home matches on March 24 against Northern Colorado and March 30 versus Colorado College.

Mines Athletic Update

Jeff Duggan - Sports Information Director

BASEBALL - The Orediggers traveled to Texas for spring break to play Abilene Christian University (#4, NCAA II), Texas Wesleyan University and Tarleton State.

Unfortunately, the team lost all eight games while in Texas. While in the Lonestar State, sophomore centerfielder Terry Packer hit his fourth and fifth home runs of the 2000 season.

This past weekend, Mines (10-17 overall) competed in the Mesa State / St. Patrick's Day Tournament in Grand Junction and came away with a 1-3 mark. The team beat Southern Illinois - Edwardsville 13-12 on Friday,

then proceeded to lose to Regis University (3-5), SIUE (3-12) and Mesa State (0-16) on Saturday and Sunday.

The team will begin RMAC competition this weekend at the University of Nebraska-Kearney.

INDOOR TRACK & FIELD - Dayven Johnston took fifth place in the 400 meter dash (48.50 seconds) at the NCAA II Indoor Track & Field Championships March 10-11 at the Reggie Lewis Center in Boston, Massachusetts.

SWIMMING & DIVING - Colorado Mines' Brooks Masterson earned Honorable Mention All-American honors in the 500-yard freestyle while plac-

ing in a total of three events at the NCAA II National Swimming Championships on March 8-11 in Buffalo, New York.

A freshman who competed at Greeley Central High School, Masterson earned NCAA II Honorable Mention All-American laurels in the 500-yard freestyle with a 13 place finish (4:37.06).

Masterson also placed 17th in the 200-yard freestyle with a time of 1:42.96 and 19th in the 200 yard butterfly at 1:55.47.

During his first season at Mines, Masterson set seven new individual men's school records and was a member of two record-breaking men's relay teams.

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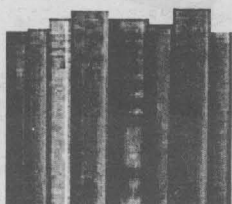
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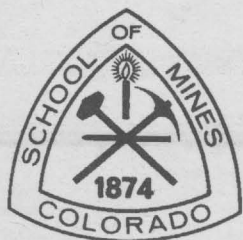
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E-DAYS

What is Engineers' Days About? A Letter from the E-Days Chair

By Jessica Jordev

Since 1927, E-Days has been CSM's largest and most anticipated yearly event. What started as the campus Career Day has evolved over the years to celebrate mining, engineering, and science. Over time, E-Days has meant a hard-earned break from a year of studies.

Since being named E-Days chair in April, I have been asked time and time again, "What is E-Days?" This is not a question easily answered.

The name Engineers' Days implies a focus on science and engineering in displays and competition. But ask many incoming students or faculty on the Mines campus and they wrongly perceive it as a weekend of intense partying and drinking. They could not be more wrong.

After the so called "riots" that occurred at E-Days last year, many people have questioned the legitimacy of E-Days. Why should we serve college students beer for a quarter and give a day off to get drunk? Why spend \$50,000 on a big party? Well, I'm here to tell you why E-Days is, and should always be, one of Mines proudest moments.

E-Days is a true expression of what Mines is in the 21st century. It gives students a time to show off their skills in competition while also allowing students a chance to let loose and have fun.

The ore-cart pull gives students a chance each year to pay tribute to the school's rich past. The governor and state legislature make a legal proclamation acknowledging E-Days.

The awards presented to students at the proclamation ceremony showcase the excellence that has long been associated with the Colorado School of Mines. The engineering competitions allow students to play with the practical sides of their respective fields. The charity BBQ gives students a chance to give back to their community.

E-Days is a chance for Mines students to have some fun. We spend 9 months doing homework, labs, and projects. E-Days is the one opportunity we have to bring our friends to campus and show them how Mines has fun. The intent of E-Days is rarely to get as "drunk as possible" but instead just to have a good time.

This year, I urge all of the students, faculty, and Staff of the Colorado School of Mines to come out to the E-Days events. As we have all shown by going to school at Mines, life is a balancing act and E-Days is no exception. To bring the focus on engineering back as we enter the new millennium, it is my goal to emphasize events that challenge you-yet still provided that much needed break.

To achieve this balance, it is important for everyone to recognize these few things:

1. The events are for everyone. An often made misconception is that the events are for select groups of students. Nearly every E-Days event is for EVERYONE, so come out and participate.

2. Challenge yourself to try something new. Many students have never gone on the Ore-cart

pull, participated in the engineering events or the social events. Pick something that you have not done in the past and give it a try. There are lots of things out there to experience.

3. Let loose and have a great time. E-Days is a three-day weekend that is meant to give your head a break. Don't think about school, homework, or tests, just have fun.

4. Be responsible. Anyone that knows me knows that I would never say "Don't Drink," but I would ask that you drink responsibly and do not Drink and then drive.

With all of this said and done, have a great weekend. The E-Days staff has worked hard this year to provide you a schedule of events to enjoy--so get off you butts and do something new!

What's Free...and What's Not

The following is a list of everything at E-Days that will cost you money. Most everything else will be free

STROKE 9 Concert	\$10 Students \$15 Non Students
Comedian Show	\$2
Beer Tickets	25¢ Events \$3 Concert
E-Days Cups	50¢
E-Days Shirts	\$8
Time with Fellow Engineers	PRICELESS

What's for Dinner?

The pig roast (Thursday, April 8) and the proclamation ceremony lunch will be free. Also, soda and snacks at events will be free.

The Best of CSM (Friday evening) will feature all-you-can-eat pizza for \$3. The Charity BBQ (Saturday evening) will be \$3 for all-you-can-eat hamburgers and brats. All proceeds will benefit the Snowboard Outreach Society.

Volunteers Needed



Volunteers are needed for all E-Days events. Sign up for three shifts at the Student Activities Office and receive a free E-Days staff shirt.

ENGINEERS' DAYS 2000

E-Days Events

Here is a sneak preview of some of the 00E-Days events. A full description of events will be available in the E-Days booklet:

PIG ROAST

The traditional pig roast will once again kick off E-Days festivities. It will be Thursday, 4 to 7:30 p.m. in front of the gym. The guys of IFC will serve up roast pig and chicken. Campus Crusade is sponsoring the seven-piece Trump Mother Jones. The band's sound ranges from reggae to disco, from punk to rock, and from ska to pop. Come ready to dance.

NOVELTY EVENTS

This year the E-Days committee is proud to present four novelty events on Friday and Saturday afternoon at the IM Field. Come on out and race a buddy on the bungee run, climb to new heights on the climbing wall, bash someone in bouncy boxing, and show off your skills on the obstacle course. Novelty events will run Friday from 1 to 5 p.m. and Saturday, noon to 4 p.m.

ORECART PULL

The traditional orecart pull is scheduled for Friday morning. A bus to the event will leave 8:30 a.m. from the IM parking lot. The orecart pull will start from the Perkins Restaurant on Colfax at 9 a.m.

Once the orecart reaches the capitol, the proclamation ceremony will be held on the west steps of the capitol. The proclamation will be read by Rep. John Witwer and awards will be presented to E-Days engineers and scholarship winners.

A free Italian buffet lunch will be served following the ceremony. Students that miss the 8:30 a.m. bus may catch the 10:30 a.m. bus that goes directly to the capitol.

FINALE PARTY

E-Days will conclude Saturday night with Dual Finale Parties. BMOC will sponsor a DJ dance party in the ballrooms where beverages will be served. FCA will sponsor an alcohol-free swing dance in the cafeteria featuring the Neil Bridge Swing Band. Both dances will begin at 10 p.m. Saturday night.

CARDBOARD BOAT RACE

SATURDAY, 10:30 A.M.

The E-Days Cardboard Boat Race is an exciting event that challenges student and faculty teams to design and build a boat made entirely of cardboard to float down Clear Creek. This is much more challenging than you think. Unlike the calm lake that those Boulder students use, we at Mines run the rapids of Clear Creek. This event features homemade cardboard boats, Mines ingenuity, and lots of fun, cold water. This event is held Saturday April 8th, at 10:30 a.m. at Clear Creek above the kayak course. Remember to bring your own boat.

CHILI COOK-OFF

FRIDAY 2 P.M. - 5 P.M.

Come enter your homemade chili to compete with others for the title of E-Days Chili Master, or just come to sample and judge the chili. For more information about the contest, e-mail John Gibbs at jgibbs@mines.edu. The chili cook-off is sponsored by the LDSSA.

PLAYSTATION® TOURNAMENT

SATURDAY 11 A.M. - 6 P.M.

The CSM Anime Club is hosting a PlayStation® tournament on Friday from noon to 6 p.m. and Saturday noon to 6 p.m. We will be playing Bushido Blade 1, Tekken 3, and Bust a Groove in the Student Center Room 236. For more information and to sign up contact Mike Thornbrue, mthornbr@mines.edu.

MR. BIGDIGGER

FRIDAY 1 P.M. - 2:30 P.M.

Ladies... how you doing? Mr. BigDigger is the Mines sororities' answer to the Miss America pageant. The few chosen men will compete using their talents, intelligence and body for the Mr. BigDigger crown. The contest will be held on the IM Stage. Mr. Big Digger is sponsored by Sigma Kappa.

ICE CREAM CONTEST

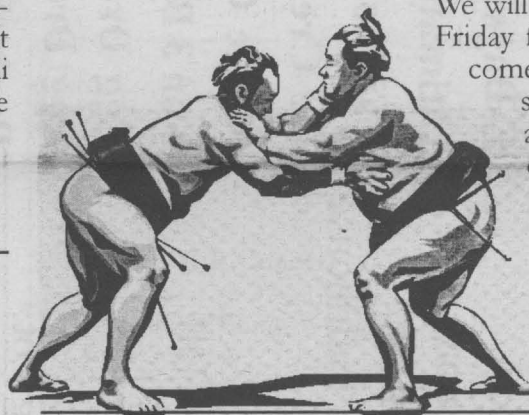
SATURDAY NOON - 2 P.M.

The junior class will host an ice cream designing, building, and eating contest. The event will be held at the IM practice fields weather permitting. All building materials must be edible, as participants are required to eat their structures. Teams of four can compete in all or any of the following competitions: A bridge-building contest, a tallest structure, and an artistic competition and recognizable competition. After each phase, contestants will be awarded to the contestants who eat their structures the quickest. Sign-up will be in the Student Activities Office or with any junior class officer.

JELLO WRESTLING

FRIDAY 2-3:30 P.M.

This year your lovable Pi Phi's are hosting a jello-wrestling tournament. This is your chance to get dirty and wrestle in our pool o' jello. We will be on the IM fields, Friday from 2-3:30 p.m. So come show your wrestling skills. Prizes will be awarded to the winner of each match.



Laugh Out Loud

Comedy show is a kick in the pants

What is the best way for you to spend your Friday night over E-Days? Will you be sitting at home, waiting for the parties to start? That sounds really boring. Will you spend three hours on your computer playing solitaire? Yup, still boring. Do you have a thermo assignment that needs to be done Monday morning? You have got to be kidding me. You need to come see the 00E-Days comedian, RETTA.

This year's comedian was picked by the E-Days committee out of dozens seen at a na-

tional talent conference and she is coming to take Mines by storm!

RETTA was blessed with a beautiful voice and after graduating from Duke University, she decided the best way to utilize her talents would be stand-up comedy.

Since beginning her career, RETTA has opened for such comedians as Bobby Collins and Shirley Hemphill. RETTA's friendly humor is a must-see as proven by her first-place finish in Comedy Central's L.A. Stand-

Up competition and her appearance on the Comedy Divas showcase on "The Jenny Jones Show." She's also been seen on Comedy Central's "Premium Blend." You're guaranteed to enjoy her show because this is one funny lady.

RETTA will perform Friday at 7:30 p.m. in Bunker Auditorium. Tickets for the comedy show are now available at the Student Activities front desk and will be available the night of the show for \$2.

E-Days Charity Named

Last year, we tried something a little different during E-Days and all profits from we made went to The Denver Dumb Friends League. We had a great response to this and everyone had a great time playing with the animals. This year there won't be any animals, but we are going to give our proceeds to a charity again. We have selected one that will bring some joy and excitement into the lives of underprivileged kids, the Snowboard Outreach Society (SOS).

SOS is a grass-roots nonprofit charity committed to improving the quality of life and instilling hope in youth. Some of the values they try to encourage are:

- Courage and Strength
- Compassion and Selflessness
- Sacrifice and Discipline
- Knowledge and Wisdom
- Integrity and Passion

SOS targets at-risk youth between 8-18 who come from a single-parent and/or low-income home with problems such as substance abuse, physical and verbal abuse, and kids who have no other exposure to this kind of activity. Last year, SOS organized lessons for more than 400 kids at 13 different ski resorts involving 26 youth agencies. This year, they want to double that number and our contribution will help them reach that goal. Come out to all of our E-Days events and help the kids have some fun!

This year, the E-Days charity barbecue will be held Saturday before the fireworks. For \$3, it's an all-you-can-eat dinner and all proceeds will go to the Snowboard Outreach Society. Last year we raised more than \$4,000 for the Denver Dumb Friends League and we are looking to increase that number this year. Come out, have a burger and enjoy yourself. There will be good food, lots of friends and it is for a good cause. See you there!

ASCSM ELECTIONS

Petitions and information concerning all elected student positions are available in the Student Activities Office. Petitions will be due March 31 signed by 50 people for each candidate running. For a listing of the positions available please stop by Student Activities or e-mail ASCSM@mines.edu.

Important Dates:

March 30 - Student Government meeting and election meeting (mandatory for all those considering running)

March 31 - Petitions due by 5 p.m. in Student Activities Office

April 3-5 - Elections during lunch in Student Center - Have student ID ready!

April 7 - Winners announced at the capitol after the Orecart Pull

Student Government Needs YOU!

ENGINEERS' DAYS 2000

E-DAYS WELCOMES Stroke 9 for Concert

San Francisco Band to Bring Its Little Black Backpack to Mines

"You wanted a band, we got you a band! This year, E-Days will kick off with a bang as Stroke 9 performs live in concert. Stroke 9 is a San Francisco-based rock band whose career thus far has followed the indie-rock work ethic to the letter. The band formed in high school, released two albums themselves, booked their own national tour, and eventually made so much noise that they got signed. Stroke 9 is getting large on the music circuit in Denver and around the country.

The group's debut album *Nasty Little Thoughts* is loaded with three- to four-minute pop-rock songs such as "Little Black Backpack" and "Letters," which make stardom a foregone conclusion. "The first thing with our music is always the song," says front-man Luke

Esterkyn.

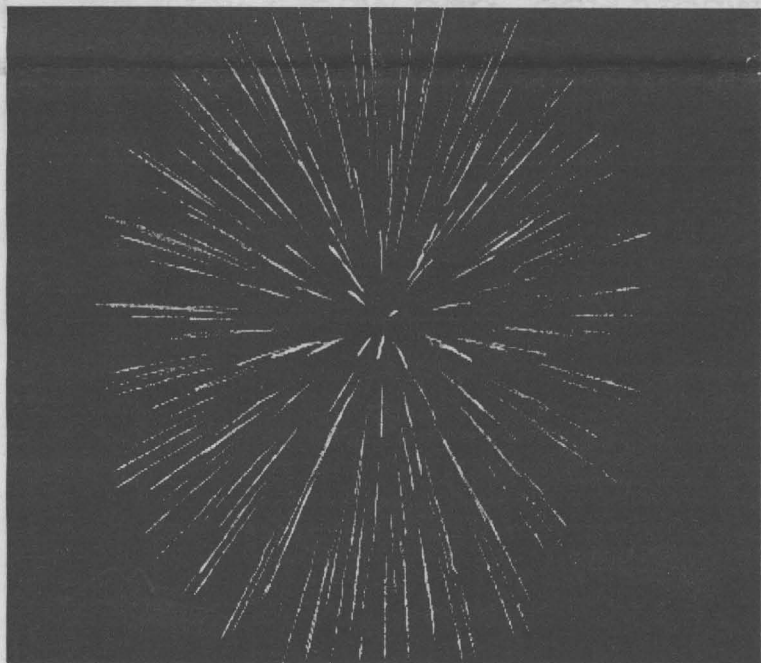
Stroke 9 started as a senior project while three of the four band members were in high school and released its own album in 1993. Cherry/Universal signed them to a contract in 1998.

In case you hadn't noticed, Stroke 9 is the band from the recent Ron Howard-directed film, "EdTV." "They had originally wanted a punk band for that scene," says band member Greg Gueldner. "But they saw us and dug us, so we wrote a very aggressive song and got into the film."

Check out their first album, *Nasty Little Thoughts*, and find out what the hype is all about. Also visit the band's website www.stroke9.com. If you come to a MAC event, you can also hear the album before the show.



Stroke 9, featuring, left to right, Eric Stock, John McDermott, Luke Esterkyn and Greg Gueldner, will play April 6th at 7:30 p.m. in Steinhauer Field House. Tickets are now on sale at the Student Activities Office for \$10 with a student ID. Tickets will be \$15 at the door.



Fireworks Display: New Night, Same Great Show

Ask any Mines student what the best part of E-Days is and nine out of 10 will most likely answer "the fireworks." Where else in the world can you sit 50 feet away from thousands of pounds of dynamite as it is set off?

The E-Day fireworks show has become one of the most beloved parts of E-Days. This tradition began early in E-Days history when students in the mining department set off dynamite in the clay pits to alert students when E-Days was going on.

The current version of the fireworks show began in the early '80s when a Mines fraternity began the tradition. Upon graduation from Mines, the students formed their own pyrotechnics company to keep the tradition alive.

Now, pyrotechnicians from Nite Musick, Inc. spend all year looking for new ideas to make each year's show bigger and better.

This year's firework show will once again include the exploding M, a great aerial display, as well as the cannonade.

The E-Days fireworks display will be Saturday night, April 8th at Brooks Field. This change was made to accommodate the kick-off concert to be held at the field house Thursday night. The show will begin promptly at 9:15 p.m. Make sure to get there early--the stands always fill up fast and it is anticipated that this year will be more crowded thanks to its new night. The gates will open at 8 p.m. No food or drink will be allowed at the fireworks show.

E-Days Tips and Hints

Two forms of photo ID will be required to purchase alcohol.

Concert tickets are \$15 at the door so get them early. Purchased early they are \$10. Tickets are available at the Student Activities Office.

Don't forget to dress warmly and drink plenty of water.

E-Days t-shirts will be available at all events for \$8. Cups are 50¢.

The E-Days staff can be identified by their staff shirts if you have any questions.

ID holders with lanyards will be available at the Student Activities Office April 3rd, ASCSM elections, and at the E-Days events.

Show up early for the fireworks. The stands fill up fast. The show starts promptly at 9:15 p.m. and no alcohol will be allowed.

Volunteers are still needed for E-Days. Volunteer for three shifts and you will receive a free t-shirt. Sign up in the Student Activities office.

Have fun and try something new!

Schedule of Events

Thursday, April 6th

Faculty Carwash	11am to 4pm	Fraternity Row
Pig Roast	4:00pm to 7:30pm	Volk Commons
Pig Roast Band	5pm-7pm	Volk Commons
Stroke 9 Concert	7:30pm to 11pm	Steinhauer Fieldhouse

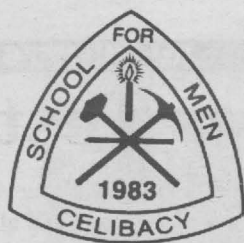
Friday, April 7th

Research Fair	8am-2pm	Coolbaugh Hall
Orecart Pull Bus Leaves	8:30am	IM Parking Lot
<i>(Pull will leave at 9am from Perkins parking lot on Colfax)</i>		
Proclamation Late Bus	10:30am	IM Parking Lot
<i>(Straight to Capitol)</i>		
Proclamation Ceremony	11:30am	State Capitol Steps
Ultimate Miner Events	Noon-5pm	Mining Area
Mr. BigDigger	1:00pm-2:30pm	IM Stage
Cold Spiking Competition	1pm-3pm	IM Field
Blaster Races	1pm-4pm	IM Field
Blaster Bingo	1pm-4pm	IM Parking Lot
Ultimate Frisbee Tournament	1pm-4pm	Brooks Stadium
Chili Cook-Off	1pm-4pm	IM Parking Lot
Bouncy Boxing	1pm-5pm	IM Field
Bungee Run	1pm-5pm	IM Field
Climbing Wall	1pm-5pm	IM Field
Obstacle Course	1pm-5pm	IM Field
Volleyball Tournament	1pm-5pm	IM Field
E-Days Golf Championship	1pm-5pm	IM Field
Jello Wrestling	2:00pm-3:30pm	IM Field
Fluid Flow	2pm-4pm	IM Field
Bike Race	2:30pm	Lookout Mountain Road
DJ Mix-Off	2:30pm-5:00pm	IM Stage
"Best Of CSM" Pizza	5:00pm-6:30pm	IM Courts

Saturday, April 8th

E-Days Car Show	9am-2pm	Elm Street
Ultimate Miner Events	10am-5pm	Mining Area
Cardboard Boat Race	10:30am-1pm	Clear Creek
Ice Cream Contest	Noon-2pm	IM Field
Movie Quote Contest	Noon-2pm	IM Parking Lot
3 on 3 Basketball Tournament	Noon-2:30pm	IM Courts
Egg Drop Construction	Noon-2pm	IM Field
Egg Drop	2pm	Meyer Hall
Rugby E-Daze 7S Tournament	Noon-4pm	IM Field
Bouncy Boxing	Noon-4pm	IM Field
Bungee Run	Noon-4pm	IM Field
Climbing Wall	Noon-4pm	IM Field
Obstacle Course	Noon-4pm	IM Field
E-Days Events	Noon to 5pm	IM Field
Oil Field Olympics	Noon-5pm	IM Field
Playstation Tournament	Noon-6pm	Student Center
Giant Twister	2pm-3pm	IM Field
Egg Blow Competition	2pm-4pm	IM Field
Beer Olympics	2:30pm-5pm	IM Courts
Charity BBQ	4pm to 7pm	IM Field Parking Lot
Fireworks Show	9:15pm to 9:45pm	Brooks Field
Swing Dance Party	10pm to Midnight	Student Center Cafeteria
DJ Dance Party	10pm to 1am	Student Center

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"Cold Spike" To Offer LAIS and EPICS Credit

Erin Kock

The popular "Cold Spike" competition held annually at the E-Days celebration may now offer credit for the winners.

The winner will be awarded three credit hours to be applied toward EPICS (Engineering Persecutes Innocent College Students) or LAIS (Language Arts Irritation Seminars) graduation requirements.

Students and professors alike feel there are several benefits to earning credit at the "Cold

Spike" competition.

"It (the "Cold Spike" competition) is a little more work than would be required in an LAIS class, but then I wouldn't have to wake up early to go to my Modern Greek Poetry and Basket Weaving class anymore," said sophomore Randi Christine.

"We award credit for hard work in the LAIS department and obviously this competition requires significant effort, especially by the novices who try to

compete. We (professors) don't like reading the students' papers and it cuts down on students taking such popular courses as Politically Correct Ways to Enslave Native Populations," said professor Jeffrey Sponterelli.

The EPICS department is also enthused about the potential such credit offers.

"What better way to prepare for the real world than to take credit for work you never did? It's clearly practical and is an ex-

ample of efficiency at its finest," said Dr. Michael Brick.

For students who do not win the competition, the EPICS department is excited to offer students the unique opportunity to help design the new ice rink/swimming pool/parking lot complex.

The students will use the hole in the ground west of the Hall of Injustice as a starting point.

The final project will feature an underground swimming pool

that becomes an ice rink during the summer months while allowing cars to park on the ground level parking lot.

The construction of the least expensive plan will begin shortly after the final presentations in May.

Other successful EPICS projects include traffic circles on South Golden Road, Weaver's Towers, the Mars Lander as well as George W. Bush's presidential campaign.

Riot Tickets On Sale Now

Agata Miodonski

Last year's E-Days closed with a bang not a whimper. Police reported a huge riot at the ATO house, which included 1,000 to 1,500 people.

The riot was complete with alcohol, weapons, and plenty of drunken college and high school students.

Due to the huge popularity of this event, the E-Days committee plans to make the riot an annual event.

"We were really surprised at the ability of students to come up with such a fun event on the spot," quipped one E-Days committee member. "We figured it wouldn't hurt to try it again."

Tickets for the riot are now on sale. E-Days is coming up, and tickets to this popular event are expected to sell out quickly. E-Days committee members urge students to buy their tickets now.

Students, faculty and staff (including law enforcement offic-

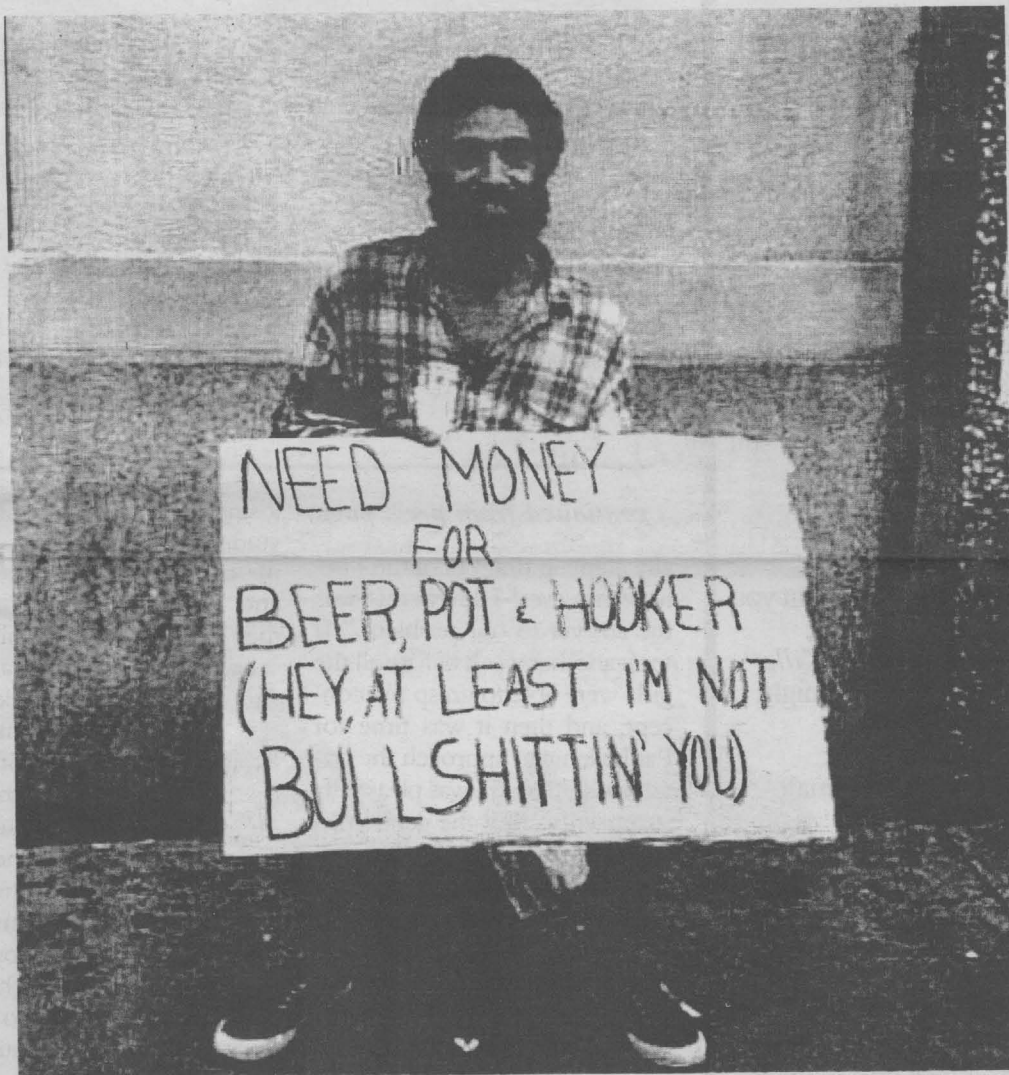
ers) are invited to participate in the riots, or simply watch them. Both of these events promise to be the "cherry on top" to close another exciting E-Days.

Seating will be based on a first-come, first-served basis. "Once people buy tickets to watch the riots, their participation is prohibited," reminds E-Days committee member Stacey Drogg.

"Bring your own rocks, bottles, and other riot gear - we are not supplying them this year," warned Drogg.

Contrary to popular belief, law enforcement officers are actually supportive of this new event and have not stated any concern over the leniency E-Days has acquired over the years. They will try to prevent accidental deaths, but will otherwise remain impartial observers.

"Come prepared for a great time. But whatever you do, don't bring a camera," stated Drogg with a laugh.



Johnny McGiggle takes his turn raising money for the rockin' Tappa Keg weekend parties

Mines Faces Party Student Influx

Erin Kock

The Colorado School of Mines is experiencing an influx of transfer students from surrounding schools including University of Colorado Boulder and Colorado State University. Most of the transfer students cite "too much partying to really take advantage of the college experience" as a reason to come to CSM.

CSM students are disheartened by this as many feel that the increase in students from "party schools" will detract from their educational experience.

"I suppose diversity is a good thing. It's nice to see such a mix of people, it's just that I'm afraid they're going to bring their bad habits onto our alcohol- and drug-free campus. I really don't

want to see anyone or anything take away from all the valuable information I'm getting from my classes. I really get a lot out of Physics I, but I know the transfer student from CSU that sits next to me just can't keep up. He keeps asking me questions so I can't pay attention in class. It's really frustrating," commented sophomore Mogo Edwin.

Professors are also worried about having to "dumb down" the classes they teach for the transfer students.

"I have to insist transfer students take Introduction to Introduction to Chemistry I because they just don't understand. I have a tough time teaching at such a level," said Professor Wildwoman.

The transfer students are very excited about the opportunities offered.

"I don't really fit in here but I try. I'm learning a lot of new things like Algebra. I really would rather stay home on weekends studying things like Nature and Human Values than go party. The party scene is just not worth it. I have so much fun now," said Harry Sydney, a transfer student from CU Boulder.

Currently, CSM is trying to find a way to deal with the influx. A "special" curriculum is currently being developed to help those unable to cope with the drastic changes that occur in transferring from nearby colleges.

New Sorority Makes History

Brett Maughan

In an attempt to bolster their less-than-ideal membership numbers, Alpo Phi, the new sorority on campus this year, has made CSM Sorority history. The chapter's first official pledge class will consist of a handful of fine CSM women, and be rounded out by a dozen or so CSM gentlemen.

After the official "rush" period had terminated, an emergency meeting of the Panhellenic Council, which governs the sororities' interactions with the school, was called to address the problem. "The girls were at a loss as to what to do," said Greek Advisor Karyn Lidoff. "They

were so distressed, they were almost ready to head down to East Colfax.....to recruit girls, I mean. Then Lianne Hill, from the Sigma Babble house, who never pays attention at the meetings anyway, was looking through some pictures of last semester's Homecoming Parade when inspiration hit, a rare thing for Lianne."

"I saw this really cute girl walking next to one of the fraternity floats in period costume," explains Hill. "I couldn't understand why I'd never noticed her around campus. Then I looked closer and realized it was actu-

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Summer Entertainment Schedule

Since the Oredigger doesn't publish through the summer, I thought I should provide the Mines community with a preview of events coming up in Colorado for the three months of freedom we get from this desolate mental wasteland we call college. This issue seemed like as good an issue as any in which to do that, so, without further ado, here's:

What's On This Summer . . .

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- The lazy bastards aren't doing jack s#%t. You'll just have to do without.

Around Town

- Bill Clinton Speaks Good English - Everyone's favorite Arkansas native will grace the stage at the Paramount Theater in August for one night only on his whirlwind U.S. tour. He finally lets the American public hear the entire truth, since, as he jokingly notes, "I'm on my way out. I can say whatever t¹ f#%k I want!" Look out Ken Starr! Clinton will talk on such topics as:

How to Keep Your Marriage Exciting and Full of Surprises
Semantics and the Secrets to Communicating in the New Millennium
The Dangers of Smoking Marijuana and Not Exhaling
Great Tips for Beating the Munchies (or Why I Love McDonalds So Much)
The Many Ways Monica Made Up For Being So Damn Ugly
Small Business Investment Ideas

- AT&T Pornography Gallery - This brand new addition to the Denver Art Museum, sponsored by AT&T, opens early June. With free admission for kids on Sundays, it is a great outing for the entire family.

- Sloppy Drunk Elephant Exhibit - In an attempt to top the wildly popular Komodo Dragon exhibit from earlier this year, the Denver Zoo will be feeding its elephants a wide variety of hard alcohols and hallucinogenic drugs for the general public's amusement. The grand opening will feature one male and one female elephant on Extacy, two male elephants drinking Absinthe, and one female elephant tripping on LSD. One can only wonder if the inebriated elephants will be seeing flying pink humans.

Opening on the Big Screen

- *Slugs* - The newest IMAX nature documentary from the filmmakers who brought you *Dolphins*, *The Living Sea*, and *Galapagos*. These fascinating and salt-phobic wonders of nature are the cutest critters to hit the screen since *Attack of the Killer Bees*. Narrated by the equally enthralling Ben Stein with music by ICP, *Slugs* might just start a new domestic pet fad.
- *Pokemon vs. Godzilla* - Little explanation needed here. All of America will finally be rooting for Godzilla.
- *Homeward Bound III: The Red Planet* - Two adorable Mars Landers are lost on the Red Planet. Will they ever make it home? With the help of a tough little green alien named George, they might just have a chance. You thought Disney was on some good drugs before, just wait till this gem hits the theaters.
- *Star Wars Episode II: The Death of Jar-Jar* - Rumor has it that George Lucas, in response to rave reviews of Jar-Jar Binks, a new character introduced into the Star Wars world with *Episode I*, reworked the script for the much anticipated second installment. The new film, due out this July, will focus on Jar-Jar's capture by Darth Sidious, who will subject the floppy-eared Jamarican fish-bunny to endless and excruciating torture for no conceivable reason other than to hear him scream in agony, bringing him to the brink of death. Of course, just as Han Solo was rescued from Jabba the Hut by the Jedi Skywalker and his faithful droids, so too will Jar-Jar be rescued by Jedis Obi-Wan Kenobi and Anakin Skywalker, with the help of the same droids. Only this time, the Jedis will proceed to torture Jar-Jar Binks until he finally dies. This last minute story-line change is expected to push *Episode II* well past the earnings of its predecessors, and perhaps set new records for the entire industry.

E-Days Opening Band Announced

Will Sisk

According to an E-Days committee member, Stroke 9 will be preceded by special guest Dave Matthews. This is a very important show for Matthews as he plans to make the inevitable transition into hip-hop. The performance will feature rapper Dr. Dre of Compton, Calif.

"We all knew it would happen eventually," said Dave in a phone interview. "I've been

down with Dre for so long, I just felt it was time to collaborate."

Sean "Puff Daddy" Combs has already sampled most of Matthew's most popular songs including "Ants Marching" and "Crash," and will be played back in Puffy's familiar mechanical style.

Meanwhile, Dre and Matthews have been preparing

for the occasion by sippin' on 40's, pimpin' hos and attending Phish concerts. "Well, I signed Eminem and no one made a big deal about performing with a white rapper, so I just took it to another G'd up level with my homie DM," Dre quipped. The concert is expected to be well received by both the gangsta wannabe and hippie wannabe contingents at Mines.

Crazed Physics Test

1] A shotgun shoots 12 pellets of 00 Buckshot weighing 4g leave the barrel at 1125 fps. Assuming the average infant will absorb 127.3 ft/lbs before disintegrating, how many babies will the average blast cut through (rounding off to the nearest whole number)?

A: Eight.

2] A 100 kg man is being swung by his entrails in a circle 16'in radius at the rate of 1600 radians/sec. Find the tension in the man's entrails (ignoring the effects of gravity).

A: 65,024 Newtons.

3] A pagan priest attempts to vaporize a young virgin by placing her in a flaming pit. Assuming the woman, weighing 120 lbs, is completely composed of water, how much energy will he have to use to completely vaporize her?

A: 130,000 BTU

4] An infant has a tensile strength of 400 psi and has a cross sectional area of 23.4 sq. inches. Assuming it is 23" long and has an elongation percentage of .0036%/120psi at roomtemperature, how long will the baby be before it is dismembered?

A: about 26.45 inches.

5] A 12 year old blind orphan girl is shot from a cannon at the speed of 1200 fps at a solid brick wall. Calculate the force of impact given that the brick wall is 3 feet away from the barrel.

A: If she weighs 50 lbs, and all of her sticks to the wall, 3.3 million Newtons.

6] A large plane weighing 12.7 M tons carrying 12 tons of nuns and orphans travelling at 724.46 kph and at an altitude of 40,000 meters suffers explosive decompression above the center of a 30km diameter population. Assuming that one passenger is sucked out every second, how many passengers will land within the population center?

A: about (give or take a torso or leg) 12.

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ally a guy in drag! I couldn't believe my eyes! I knew this was the answer to our problem." It took another week before all the girls were able to grasp the concept, and then it was time for Panhellenic to approach the fraternities. Alpo Phi was pleasantly surprised to find the gentlemen at the Inter-Fraternity Council (Panhellenic's fraternal counterpart) meeting more than receptive to their idea. "Quite a few men were interested, even enthusiastic, about living in a sorority house. We even had one student, Faisal Hashem from the Fi Gumby Delta house, volunteer to be house mom for the girls. His old age and past experience with unruly women make him ideally suited for the position," recalled Lidoff.

"Are you kidding?!" replied IFC Vice-President Jimmy Connor, "Wearing a dress on occasion, shaving my legs for formal events, and watching soap operas everyday after classes, and in exchange, the ever present opportunity for threesomes, foursomes, or better? I call that I pretty good trade off." However, comments like that one soon caught the attention of the administration, and the s#%t hit the fan.

"My first response when Karyn told me of the girls' plan was 'Are you all on crack?!'" noted Dean of Students Harry "The Horse" Chevrolet. "However, after I thought it over, and discussed it with the Board of Trustees, we came to an inspiration of our own. We had been

losing quite a few very intelligent students from the normal dorm matriculation to the fraternities and sororities, simply because they offered the possibility of a social life. This could be a chance for us to get a little back."

Chevrolet went on to explain that the Board of Trustees agreed that Mines men, living in a sorority house, were bound to engage in the traditional college mating rituals at a greatly increased rate. This meant many babies would soon be in the oven at Alpo Phi. These babies, spawned from two sets of science-adept genes, could produce super-intelligent engineering babies. "In fact, the admissions office has begun to lovingly refer to Alpo Phi as the CSM "Smart-Baby" Factory," added Chevrolet. "The school has even offered to purchase and maintain the babies, just as they are doing with many of the chapter houses. The babies can then be trained from birth to be mega-Mines students."

The brightest babies will enter accelerated learning tracks to graduate them in four years with four or five degrees. "We expect these students to be able to take two or three times the course load of the average Mines student," explains Chevrolet. Those babies not demonstrating sufficient brain power to make the cut will be guided directly into the graduate programs on campus so they can begin working as cheap lab T.A.'s.

Lidoff summed up the situation best by saying, "It really is a win-win situation for all parties involved."

Introduction

Virtual Porn: To Get It On or Off the Computer?

Recently, in efforts to retain student populations as well as to provide safe, on-campus entertainment, the Celibacy School for Men began endorsing what is known as virtual pornography. This idea has been heralded with both praise and pessimism. Promoters say that the program will attract all kinds of new students to CSM, introducing a greater variety to the student body and emphasizing the school's focus on celibacy in engineering. The opposers say it is merely another form of masturbation and that God will frown upon this idea.

To spread the word about the new program, Guggenheim residents voted to give headsets to all incoming CSM students as part of the standard-issue CSM equipment, while full-body suits

are available in the Student Bookstore for rent or sale. Posters promoting this cheap, safe, and enjoyable alternative to messy and occasionally contagion-ridden classes are duct-taped all over campus, especially around Meyer and Stratton Halls, home of the students most notorious for studying, attending classes, and finding beautiful women. These students, who go so far against the CSM tradition of beer, desperation, and waist-high piles of trash, are the main 'current-student' targets of the posters and the program. While the new type incoming students are what is hoped for from the outside, Guggenheim residents hope that change can be made within the school as well.

Point

Bill Prospector, an avid reader of the *Guide to Getting it On*, says that between that book and interactive virtual porn, "Nothing has been able to teach me more about what I am never going to get in real life." He says he appreciates being able to experience, through virtual porn, what other, non-CSM males will be able to take part of before their sixtieth birthdays. Brett Maughan, an associate of Bill's, says that he has never seen Bill happier than when he comes out of the dorms after a session on his computer.

Brett also reports that he has been around to see many young Celibacy men get off their computers and out of their headpieces. "They are never more relaxed or happier than after a session," he believes. Prospector staff members have concurred in this analysis of what they joyfully call the "happiest times in Celibacy life."

Professors have even noticed the change in students. Dr. Black and Dr. Justice, both in the physics department, have noted that in the past 200 years, a change has been coming over the students. Black says that he has seen fewer and fewer students coming to classes as semesters continue, though he admits this has been happening since the late 1900's when he first began teaching at Mines. He adds that the male students who do attend classes seem to be much more relaxed, while the female students seem a bit less snobbish and stand-offish. It will be noted that Dr. Black is well-regarded for his ability to keep students from wanting to enter the physics department, his constant fail-

ing of even the most promising students, and the constant decrease of student attendance in his classes.

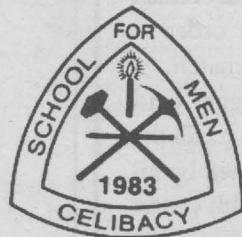
Dr. Justice has seen over 1300 years at this school, and almost as many female students within that time. He says that more females attending this school realize that "They just don't have the choice of interested, single, desperate men on this campus that they used to have. More men have turned away from real life and turned to their virtual worlds, so the women here are much nicer, kinder, gentler people than before. They realize that they cannot keep treating the guys around them as they have in the past - like small dust particles to brush off when no longer wanted." It must be noted that Dr. Justice began teaching at this school after graduating from it in the 1900's, when women still had an amazing number of desperate men after each of them. Women were still treating men like fecal matter and men still happily accepted it. Dr. Justice, however, seems to bear no grudge against those women with whom he attended college in the twentieth century and still sees the others who started teaching here over a millenia ago. He remains unmarried, though this is attributed to his attachment in the physics department.

Mary Kay, the head coach and another twentieth-century graduate of CSM, says that skipping classes really makes better football players. Last season, the worst score was only 224-7. The Orediggers even managed to get a goal!

Cassia Calleos

The Earth Raper

THE ANNOYINGLY SHRILL VOICE OF THE GIRL IN THE CHAIR NEXT TO YOU IN PHGN202



Counterpoint

What, you ask, is the problem with virtual porn? Nothing, of course, except for the addiction. Like any other addiction, it ruins relationships, ends all chances at a personal life, and causes bosses to say, "buh-bye." Unlike other addictions, though, an addiction to virtual porn also brings God down on you, causes warts to grow on your hands and zits on your face, and may cause vision degeneration or blindness, insanity (temporary or permanent), deafness, loss of brain function, epilepsy, hysteria, tuberculosis, or death, just like other forms of masturbation.

Virtual porn will keep students away from classes, a nice possible benefit; however, their are other methods of achieving this goal. Free beer 24 hours a day served in the Ace for those with Celibacy identifications, beds and comfortable couches placed in convenient places around campus, and video poker, blackjack, craps and roulette machines situated in the main halls of all the buildings are all effective measures that have been taken in the past to keep students away from their classes.

Instead of this new version of sin, there are always the old tried-and-true methods to keep students away from their classes, such as professors that continue talking long after class is supposed to end on subjects that noone actually understands, TA's incompetently teaching classes, and lectures that are a good remedy for insomnia. We can always use these methods, as they never grow old, they never need changing, and they support the inflexibility that is common in older teachers anyway. Why not support our teachers, our goal of students failing classes at least three times and dropping at least another four before passing with a D-, and no students graduating in less than fifteen years all at the same time? And why not do this with methods we know will work, which we trust, and which all members of CSM support. There is no better answer than proven ways.

Jim Mann

Cassia's Advice

This week, we have a special kind of relationship question. One of the staff members asked me, anonymously of course, what he should do about his addiction to virtual porn. He says he has not been to class in 15 weeks, he is constantly thinking about sex, but that he is attracting more and more girls - all because one of his last girlfriends said that he never wanted to have sex in the real world - and the other said that he was capable of things she had never thought possible. He wants to know whether or not he should go after the sexless girls and stay with his addiction, or drop the computer off the roof of Guggenheim and be another single, lonely, pathetic, puppy-dog male Mines student.

My response: Stay with the addiction!!! Normally, I would not respond to an addiction problem in this way. However, Mines is currently overrun by desperate, dateless, questioning fools. Therefore, anything that can be done to contribute to the decrease of this horrible statement of life at Mines, I will advocate. Though I am unsure of the effects of having a nationwide push for virtual porn, on the Mines campus it would give many men wonderful experience they would otherwise never gain in the realm of pleasure.

Dear Cassia,
I've had a crush on this guy for a little while now. I don't have any classes with him and have only seen him on campus. I think he might have a girlfriend (or he's really affectionate with his female friends). I really think he's "the one." I want to marry this guy for sure, so how do I snag him?

My response: Congratulations on finding the man of your dreams- so many women are wasting their time getting to know men and learning what their name is and then deciding if they want to marry him. I

applaud your maturity and insight.

First things first- choose a wedding date. I personally prefer summer weddings but this has got to be something you decide on your own. Once this is decided, find out where he lives. Simply follow him around campus and eventually he has to go home. Sit outside his house when he's home, watching his every move with binoculars. Try to be inconspicuous or he may foolishly call the cops which may delay the wedding and then you're back to square one. Some people call this "stalking" but I prefer to think of it as "getting to know someone." You can get to know his daily habits, his favorite food, his bedtime, and the color of his boxers. This should get you around the "not knowing him" hurdle. To learn his name, check the mail. If he has roommates, you're going to have to guess. Good luck.

After knowing all this you are in great shape to propose marriage. Be sure to bring a ring, his favorite food (bribery never hurt anyone), and some way to incapacitate him should he run (I prefer a combination of pepper spray and handcuffs). He may need a little persuasion, but if you really know his favorite food and were able to make it, then he should be putty in your hands, because as everyone knows, the way to a man's heart is through his stomach (I've also been informed there are other ways but I'll save that for another issue). Good luck and invite me to the wedding.

By the way, he probably doesn't have a girlfriend. Since he's your future husband and obviously you two were meant to be together, he can't have a girlfriend. Because you're his future wife, him having a girlfriend would be adultery, which is illegal and God definitely does not approve of that sort of thing. He's just an affectionate person- which will be a very nice quality once you two are married.

Cassia Calleos

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Animal Movement for Lacrosse Team

This article dedicated to Lisa Presley

The lacrosse team is getting a new look. Coach Biffy Bonfood annouced today that rookie goaltender Sad One was to be replaced by a monkey named Bobo.

"We feel that by tying Bobo down and putting fleas on him, we can get him agitated enough that his frantic waving movements will provide a rather powerfull wall of defense," explained Bonfood.

The team will also greet new members Beta Bretty, a mouse, and Pinky Aggy, an elephant. "These two players will be a great addition to our team. Our hope is that Bretty will chase Aggy around the field, thus squashing the opponent players. Ha ha, our

team is gonna go through some pretty extensive physical contact drills this weekend in order to be ready for the next match.

"Hopefully, we can find enough Mines recruits to fill the spots that will be vacated by injuries. Luckily, the health center is located just across from the field, so all dismembered players will be able to get premium care virtually instantly."

Bonfood said any and all Miners interested in playing lacrosse would be welcome on the team. "Whether or not you even know how the game is played, we have always needed extra players."

So come on, be a sport and try something new!

Tired of Horrible food?

To show our appreciation for your business, various items from KFC, MacDonald, Taco John, and Hardees will now be served at the cafeteria.

Future plans include meeting health standards that meet Pizza Hut's strict requirements.

The people at Aramark are dedicated to serving the students of Mines with the best cheap food available.

If you have questions or comments, please deposit comment forms in the big bin in the back of the building.

Mines PA Classes Rank 347th in Colorado

Guno Man

The Mines coaching staff was proud to report Monday that the school's PA classes ranked 347th in the state, placing just behind Montbello High School.

Coach Jim Carnell explained that "excellent programs and the creativity of the coaches deserves all the credit for this remarkable honor."

A special state committee visited the classes last week and were really impressed with the effort put out by the students. "Rarely have we ever seen students participate in sports so enthusiastically," commented Mr. Gurian, president of the committee. "The students were all in great shape, and they were actually enjoying the class."

This comes as no surprise, as Coach Andres Blabinger never fails to invent crazy new games.

Just last week Blabinger had his class play a combination of hand-ball, soccer, hockey, water polo, horseshoe, pole vault, basketball, javelin, and downhill skiing. He explained that the key to making the students enjoy such activities was by simply giving them what he calls "happy vaccines," which are in effect mainly composed of heroin.

The PA classes also have a strong fitness program. Coach Chris S. Craft regularly has his students do a variety of fitness exercises, seemingly without end. These include running laps on all fours, hopping and skipping contests, and watching aerobics tapes with Pamela Anderson.

Freshman Aaron Back expressed his total satisfaction with the class. "Having been a weakling all my life, I now find that

my chances of getting my first date are increased by at least 73.54%, thus a net one out of six million chance."

The coaches also work closely with counselor Carine Gerber, who provides the students with sound advice about drugs, alcohol, sex, relationships and nutrition.

"One of my proudest accomplishments ever was helping Allison Iovin, a student here last year, get rid of her anorexic tendencies," recalled tearry eyed Gerber. Unfortunately, anorexia continues to plague women at this school.

Gerber's seminars have helped students understand what healthy meals consist of. Her words have reached the students, as the cafeteria has seen less and less clientel.

Doofus of the Century

Woody Paige

Sex : Female

Height : 4'7"

Weight : 233 lb.

I.Q. : We all knew negative scores on the S.A.T.'s were possible, but who thought anyone would actually get a

minus 666?

Occupation : Denver Post sports columnit for 21 years, having produced a total of two somewhat decent articles.



Famous for : First human to breed with gorillas.

Previous Life : Ghengis Khan

Future Hall of Fame Quarterback to Lead Mines Football Team

Brett Maughan

In a last ditch effort to win multiple games in a single season, new CSM football coach Bob Stiff convinced long time Denver Broncos quarterback John Elway to resurface from retirement and quarterback the Orediggers next season. It has been generally accepted throughout the Mines community that it would take a near miracle to bring the football team a winning record. This acquisition may be exactly what they needed.

Kay Marvin, head of the athletics department, was able to remain in denial regarding the sorry state of the team until last season's 411-0 loss at home to

the Wesleyan Unicorns, the all-women's varsity powderpuff team. "The players were so excited after their 7-6 trouncing of the Lakewood Pee-wee Football team, only to have that happen. I knew it was time for a big change," said Marvin.

The department began by re-vamping the coaching staff. "We were originally looking at Mike Ditka for head coach, but decided that Stiff would be a better fit," Marvin explained. The next task was to recruit a few big stars to carry the team and provide strong internal leadership. Many aging players were considered for the quarterback

position, including Steve Young, Dan Marino, and Warren Moon, before Elway expressed interest. The hometown hero immediately became the department's first choice.

Elway, rumored to have grown weary of his many car dealerships, his new website, and his yet to be announced ballet company project, found the prospect of teaching engineers the science of football an intriguing challenge as well as a shining accomplishment to round out a Hall of Fame career. In a press conference on Monday, Elway quipped, "If I can make this work, I will be one miracle

closer to Mother Theresa's record."

Other team additions under consideration include a new running back, defensive line, and punt returner. The coaching staff is looking primarily at Blaster for the running back position, after two failed attempts to reanimate Walter Payton, perhaps the greatest to ever play the position.

To beef up the defensive line, Stiff is set on having the cheerleading squad join the team and for punt returner he is negotiating with Tom Cochran to sign O.J. Simpson. Stiff believes, "He has proven his evasive capabilities many times in his ca-

reer. I can't think of a better man for the job."

"We have high hopes for the upcoming season, and everyone is anxious for training camp to begin in the team's new practice facilities in Tijuana, Mexico," said Stiff to conclude the Monday press conference.

"The students are going to benefit immensely from the knowledge and experience Elway has to offer, and the coaching staff should be much more relaxed throughout the season knowing the hookers and tequila we bring back to campus won't run out for a long time."